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1. SUMMARY. CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED LAW TO PERMIT LIMITED LEGAL COMMERCIALIZATION OF COCA LEAF PRODUCED IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY BEGAN ON OCTOBER 12. AFTER A BRIEF DEBATE, DESCRIBED IN THE PRESS AS "INTENSE", THE BILL WAS RETURNED TO COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON OCTOBER 7, THE NAU CHIEF MET WITH ASSISTANT ATTORNEDY GENERAL (FISCAL SUPREMO) CESAR ELEJALDE AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS [redacted]

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3. ON OCTOBER 12, THE PROPPSED LAW WITH ELEJALDE'S MODIFICATIONS WAS INTROOUCED INTO THE CAMERA DE DEPUTIES. THE DAILY EL OBSERVADOR REPORTED AN INTENSE DEBATE OF THE PROPOSED LAW. DEPUTIES FROM THE UPPER HUALLAGA REGION (PREDICTABLY) OPPOSED THE PROPOSED LAW AS NOT MEETING THE CONCERNS OF THEIR (COCA-GROWING) CONSTITUENTS. RULING PARTY AP DEPUTY FROM SAN MARTIN DEPARTMENT, ODON HUIDOBRO, REPORTEDLY STATED THAT "IF THE UNITED STATES IS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER, IT SHOULD BUY ALL THE COCA PRODUCTION, BECUASE ITS YOUTH ARE THE MOST AFFECTED BY NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING."

4. THE APRA DEPUTY FROM HUANUCO DEPARTMENT, GLADYS LOAS DE YABAR, DENOUNCED, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE ABUSES COMMITTED AGAINST COCA GROWERS BY THE POLICE UNDER THE "PRETEXT OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY." A THIRD DEPUTY FROM HUANUCO PROPOSED THAT THE PROPOSED LAW BE RETURNED TO COMMITTEE FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY. HIS PROPOSAL WAS ADOPTED.

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